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The oil painting of Fellows Park was formally presented to the Club by Scarborough artist, Peter Watson to Walsall FC Chairman, Barrie Blower prior to the Walsall v Wigan match.

We are delighted with the quality of the finished work, which will hang in the Boardroom at the new stadium.

Bruce Otter, of Clairprint, is now at work preparing the Limited Edition prints which should be available before the end of the season. Only 1,000 copies are being printed and these can be ordered from the Club Shop at £15.00 per print and £50.00 per framed print. Since they will all be individually numbered and signed by the artist they should become collectors items and increase in value.

The print is a 'must' for any Saddlers fan, since it will provide a permanent reminder of the matchday scene at Fellows Park.

The 'farewell to Fellows Park' Sale still continues. While all turnstiles and seats have been sold, turf from the pitch remains available at £5.00 per square yard and terrace slabs at £3.00 each.

We would be delighted to hear from supporters or organisations interested in purchasing any of the furnishings from Fellows Park, i.e. chandeliers, lounge seats, stools, chairs, tables, carpets, doors, signs etc. If interested, please telephone the Club or speak to Linda Hooley in the Club Shop.

The latest of our 'Guided Tours of Fellows Park' took place on Thursday evening, with a party of 57 visitors, including the Mayor and Mayoress of Walsall, enjoying the event. In response to popular demand we are staging a Final Guided Tour on Thursday 3rd May, starting at 7.30pm. Places for the 'last tour' can now be booked at £2.50 per person (including buffet) in the Saddlers Club and Club Shop.

I anticipate that once the stadium is completed we will be holding similar tours to acquaint supporters with their new surroundings.

Work on the new stadium continues to make excellent progress. Much of the seating is now in position. The floodlight pylons have been erected on the groundstand roof. Even the grass is starting to grow on the pitch.

The newly appointed Football League Chief Executive, Arthur Sandford, who attended the Walsall v Wigan match, visited the new stadium after that game and was greatly impressed with it's layout, safety innovations, and the range and standard of facilities being provided.

As we move towards the end of another season the Supporters Club have launched their 'Player of the Season' ballot. Don't forget to cast your votes in the ballot boxes which are located around the ground and in the Saddlers Club.

In addition the RAC have donated a trophy for the 'Young Player of the Season', for which all our players Under 21 on 1st August 1989 will come under consideration. The panel of judges for the Award will be Barrie Blower, Paul Taylor and Paul Marston.

Finally, the Walter Nevis Trophy by the Staff and Residents of Tunley House in memory of one of our most loyal supporters, for an 'Apprentice of the Year' Award, which will be chosen by Eric McManus, Paul Taylor and Ken Gutteridge.

Don't forget that on Saturday, Brentford are our visitors to Fellows Park, and the game at Crewe next Easter Monday has a 3.00pm kick off. On Easter Tuesday 17th April, Halifax Town are our visitors in the Midland Senior League game kick off 7.00pm.

Thank you for your support this evening. Enjoy the game.

Roy Whalley, Director, Secretary and Commercial Manager.



The Teams

WALSALL

FRED BARBER	1
ANDY DORNAN	2
KENNY MOWER	3
ALEX TAYLOR	4
GRAEME FORBES	5
PETER SKIPPER	6
GARY FORD	7
STUART RIMMER	8
NEIL LYNE	9
DES BREMNER	10
ADRIAN LITTLEJOHN	11
	12
	14

Red Shirts, White Shorts.

BOLTON

DAVE FELGATE	1
PHIL BROWN	2
BARRY COWDRILL	3
PAUL COMSTIVE	4
DEAN CROMBIE	5
MARK WINSTANLEY	6
STUART STORER	7
STEVE THOMPSON	8
DAVID REEVES	9
TONY PHILLISKIRK	10
JULIAN DARBY	11
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Match Facts

TEAM TALK

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BALL BOYS

Bentley Juniors under 11 soccer side are the ball boys for tonight's game.

TONIGHT'S REFEREE

Michael James from Horsham, West Sussex, is tonight's referee. He is married with two teenage sons and is a director of his own electronic components distribution company.

Michael commenced refereeing in 1960 in the local league at Horsham, and became a class one official in 1971 refereeing on the Southern League before becoming a Football League referee in 1981.

He has officiated in many "top" fixtures which have included semi-finals and international games. His hobbies include gardening and reading.

We hope that together with his linesmen he has an enjoyable visit to Fellows Park tonight.

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Those of you who attended the Blackpool and Wigan games will, I am sure, agree that our standard of performance in both these games deserved six points, and that our actual haul of one point was somewhat of a travesty of justice.

If these two results did not alleviate our position at the bottom of the division, they could not detract from the overall improvement in our general play, nor should they hide the commitment, the desire to compete, and the willingness of each individual to work together for the good of the team, that has been so apparent in recent games. I cannot really ask for more from our players than they have given me in these recent games.

It is individual errors that have been our down fall in the five games prior to last Saturday's game at Swansea which probably cost us eight points during that period. Quite clearly these have to be stamped out.

Even so we have had some cruel luck, none more so than at Fulham when Neil Lyne headed the ball over the goalkeeper towards an empty net. However, just when a goal seemed inevitable, the ball hit a divet, which caused it to take off at an angle and fly wide of the post.

At the end of the day it is no use us bemoaning our luck. We simply have to stay strong in order to overcome present adversities, and discipline ourselves to doing the things that are right for 90 minutes in each of our remaining games in order to achieve consistency and the deserved result.

I am pleased with the attitude of our players at the present time. None more so than Keith Bertschin, who for several weeks played under the duress of a damaged foot. It is this type of 'never say die' spirit that we are looking for.

Another player worthy of a mention is Peter Hart who, after giving ten years loyal service to the Club, returned to the team recently in the unacustomed right back position, and did tremendously well. This is, of course, Peter's Testimonial Year, and I hope that as many of you as possible will support some of his forthcoming events, such as the Black Country Evening in the Saddlers' Club on 18th April. The Dinner and Dance at the Royal Hotel on 21st April, and his Testimonial Match at the end of the season, details of which will be announced shortly.

Finally I must express my appreciation of the way that you have encouraged the team in recent matches. Even at our last home game, against Wigan, when we lost so cruelly in the last minute, our supporters swallowed their disappointment and gave the team a rousing reception when they left the field.

At times like this, the only way that we can restore pride and achieve success is for all of us, on and off the pitch, to work together for the only cause that matters - a successful future for Walsall Football Club. My plea is for you to continue giving us your support, and I promise we will get it right.

Welcome to Bolton Wanderers, let us hope for a good game.

Paul Taylor.



Welcome Welcome Welcome

This evening we welcome Bolton Wanderers for a game vital to them in their quest for a playoff place as they strive to build on last Tuesday's 3-0 win over Brentford and their 2-1 win over Preston North End on Saturday which followed a run of four games without a goal.

Founded in 1874 as Christ Church F.C. They played as much rugby as soccer in those early days, but after changing their name to the present one in 1877 they settled for soccer and first entered the F.A.Cup (or English Cup as it was then called) in 1881. Then in 1888 they became founder-members of the Football League and finished fifth in that first season. A season later they reached the semi-final of the F.A.Cup. 1891/92 saw them third in the League and then in 1893/94 they reached their first F.A.Cup final, going down to Notts County at Fallowfield.

They were relegated for the first time in 1899, but they bounced straight back up again and in 1903/04 though relegated again they again reached the F.A.Cup final, this time going down to Manchester City at the Crystal Palace. They then bobbled between Division One and Two several more times before enjoying a substantial spell in Division One from 1911 to 1933.

It was during this spell that they won the famous first Wembley final, beating West Ham 2-0 in 1923 and they went on to win the F.A.Cup twice more in the next few seasons - in 1926 and 1929. Cornishman Dick Pym played in all three finals and did not concede a goal in any of them. They had another brief spell in Division Two in the thirties and then came almost 30 seasons in Division One in which they reached fourth place in 1952/53 the season in which they lost 4-3 to Blackpool at Wembley. They were back there in 1958, this time beating Manchester United to take the trophy for the fourth time.

Nat Lofthouse was still at his peak then as was defender Tommy Banks and in goal diminutive Eddie Hopkinson was displaying England form.

The sixties were rather mediocre with a return to Division Two halfway through and in the early seventies they slipped for two seasons into previously uncharted territory, that of Division Three. They spent two seasons back in Division One in the late seventies and until Frank Worthington's move in October 1979 they seemed capable of holding their own.

THE LAST TEN SEASONS

They were almost five months without a win after his move, however, and they landed back in Division Two at the end of 1979/80. Stan Anderson, who had succeeded Ian Greaves at the helm, did his best to revive their fortunes, but they finished eighteenth in 1980/81. Then under George Mulhall they were nineteenth a season later before finally slipping to Division Three under John McGovern at the end of 1982/83.

Things did not change for the better as they finished successively 10th, 17th, 18th and 21st in Division Two. Phil Neal had taken over in December 1985, but he did not have immediate success and Wanderers were relegated after going down to Aldershot in the playoffs of May 1987.

The tide was already turning though and Wanderers bounced straight back up again with Wednesbury born John Thomas getting 26 goals in 1987/88. Last season they were tenth in Division Three and they enjoyed some great moments in winning the Sherpa Van Trophy with a Wembley victory over Torquay..

BOLTON WANDERERS THIS SEASON

Bolton kicked off this season with a win at Cardiff and they did not lose a home game until going down to Northampton in December. Since then they have lost to Rotherham and Brentford at Burnden Park, but have won at Brentford, Preston, Tranmere, Northampton and Mansfield.

Most regular goalscorer has been **Tony Philliskirk**, a close season signing from Preston while **Julian Darby**, who netted against us at Burnden Park in October has given good support as has home-grown **Steve Thompson**.

In midfield **Stuart Storer**, a former Birmingham and Everton man, links up with **Paul Comative**, who came from Burnley in September, and recent signing **John Gregory**, who has seen service with Northampton, Aston Villa, Brighton, QPR, Derby and Plymouth.

In defence **Dean Crombie** (ex-Lincoln and Grimsby) links up with home-grown **Mark Winstanley** in the centre with **Phil Brown** (ex-Hartlepool and Halifax) and former West Bromwich man **Barry Cowdrill** on the flanks. In goal **David Felgate** is in his third full season in his second spell after considerable experience with Rochdale, Lincoln and Grimsby. Substitutes recently have included former Winsford United defender **Mark Came** and one-time Liverpool junior **Rob Savage**, who has since served Wrexham, Stoke, Bournemouth and Bradford City. Another player to look out for is former Sheffield Wednesday striker **Julian Reeves** in his first season with Wanderers.

our *Meet the Players* visitors



BOLTON WANDERERS - SEASON 1989/90

Back Row: Dean Crombie; Mark Came; Dave Felgate; Kevin Rose (currently on loan to Carlisle United); Gareth Gray; Mark Winstanley; Barry Cowdrill.
Middle Row: Steve Carroll (Youth Coach); Gary Brown; Phil Brown; Julian Darby; David Reeves; Tony Philliskirk; Steve Thompson; Stuart Storer; Gary Henshaw (currently on loan to Rochdale); Mike Jeffrey; Ewan Simpson (Physio).
Front Row: Ian Stevens; Neil Fisher; Paul Hughes; Nicky Brookman; Mick Brown (First Team Coach); Phil Neal (Manager); Dave Roberts; Jeff Chandler (now with Cardiff City); Robbie Savage; Nicky Spooner.

PHIL BROWN - Full Back.

Joined Bolton from Halifax Town in a £17,000 transfer deal in June 1988 and Phil was the only outfield player to be ever-present last season. He started his League career with Hartlepool where he made over 200 appearances before his move to Halifax where he made another 135. He took over the role of skipper last season when Mark Came was injured.

PAUL HUGHES - Full Back.

Manchester born Paul has not had a good time for these past two seasons as he was been out with an injury for most of last season. Former captain of the Wanderers Youth side he made his League debut in December 1987 and a total of 11 appearances in the fourth division promotion winning side.

BARRY COWDRILL - Full Back.

Birmingham born Barry made over 100 appearances for West Bromwich Albion after his signing from Sutton Coldfield Town. He joined Bolton in July 1988 and made 38 appearances last season and has been an ever-present this term to date.

DEAN CROMBIE - Defender.

Dean began his career at Lincoln where he made 33 appearances before moving to Grimsby Town where he made well over 300 appearances before signing for Bolton in June 1987 and has now made well over 400 appearances in the League. Dean an ever-present this term has been on the scoresheet this season but it was in the Sherpa Van Trophy final at Wembley last season when he netted his first goal for the club.

Previous Results

WALSALL V BOLTON WANDERERS

	Home	Away
DIVISION TWO		
1899/1900	2-0	2-2
DIVISION THREE		
1971/72	1-1	1-0
1972/73	3-2	1-3
1983/84	1-0	1-8
1984/85	1-0	1-3
1985/86	2-0	1-3
1986/87	3-3	0-1
1989/90		1-1

We have a good record here against Bolton with five wins and two draws in seven meetings though at Burnden Park we have picked up just one win and two draws in nine games.

The win was in a midweek game late in 1971/72 when Colin Harrison got the only goal of the game, since when we have conceded 19 goals in six visits including that early-season 8-1 hammering in 1983/84 when Tony Caldwell netted five times.

MARK WINSTANLEY - Defender.

Almost an ever-present this season, Mark came through the youth ranks at Burnden Park to become a regular in the side that won promotion from the fourth division in 1988, and was named Player of the Year last season.

SCOTT GREEN - Forward.

Born here in Walsall, Scott joined Bolton just before the transfer deadline from Derby County. Just 20 years-old he was a trainee with the Rams but had only made five appearances and scored one goal in their reserve side.

JULIAN DARBY - Midfield.

Joined Bolton from school and is currently the only Bolton born player in the first team he made his debut in March 1986 and plays either in midfield or defence. An ever-present this season to date to add to his total last season that was only two short of that ever-present mark. Julian also found the net against Torquay United at Wembley last May.

DAVID REEVES - Forward.

David has been on the scoresheet a number of times this season after joining Bolton in July. He commenced his career with Sheffield Wednesday in 1986 although he made his League debut while on loan to Scunthorpe United in December that year. He joined Burnley on loan in November 1987 and scored on his debut for them, against Bolton, going onto net 8 goals in his 16 games there. He made 17 first division appearances with the Wednesday last season and scored twice in their colours before his move to Burnden Park.

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ROBBIE SAVAGE - Full Back.

Robbie was out of the side with an injury earlier this season but has now returned to full fitness and has been included in the squad in recent games. He started his career at his native Liverpool but failed to make the first team in his six seasons at Anfield. He made his League debut while on loan at Wrexham and then joined Stoke City. He then joined Bournemouth after 7 appearances for the Potteries club and scored 18 goals for them in 82 League appearances and moved again, this time to Bradford City, but only made a handful of appearances before he was transferred to Bolton in September 1987 for £35,000 and prior to his injury had made just over 80 appearances for them.

STUART STORER - Midfield.

Another player who was out of the Bolton side with an injury during the winter months. Stuart has however made now returned, and has been on the scoresheet on a number of occasions. He joined Bolton from Everton in January last season for £25,000. Stuart had a brief spell at Birmingham, making 8 League appearances after joining them from Mansfield Town before he moved to Everton in a part-exchange deal. He also had a loan spell with Wigan while at Goodison Park.

STEVE THOMPSON - Midfield.

Oldham born Steve is an ever-present this season and has also had his name on the scoresheet. He is Bolton's longest serving professional coming through the youth ranks to make his League debut in November 1982 and has made over 250 appearances in the three divisions (2nd, 3rd & 4th) for the Wanderers.

NICKY BROOKMAN - Midfield.

Manchester born Nicky joined Bolton as a youth player after he had spells with Newport County, Aston Villa and Wrexham. He has now made over 50 appearances with the Wanderers after making his League debut in April 1987. He has only made the odd appearances recently but did score in Bolton's Leyland Daf Cup win over Crewe.

PAUL CONSTIVE - Forward.

Joined Bolton in September from Burnley where he had made over 80 appearances and scored 17 goals. He started his career with Blackburn Rovers making a handful of first team games and after a loan spell with Wrexham he moved to Wigan Athletic for 35 appearances and then Wrexham where he topped the 100 appearance mark. He has not missed many of Bolton's games since joining them and has found the net on several occasions.

IAN STEVENS - Forward.

Malta born Ian made his League debut for Preston North End in March 1985 making 11 League appearances before joining Stockport County for a short spell and signed for Bolton in 1987 and made 21 appearances last term scoring 5 goals, although he was top scorer in their reserve side with 20 goals in only 18 appearances. This season he has been restricted to substitute appearances.

MARK CAME - Defender.

A broken leg has kept Mark out of the game for practically all of last season but has now returned to the side. He joined Bolton from non-league Winsford United in 1984 and had made almost 150 appearances before his injury.

DAVID FELGATE - Goalkeeper

Bolton's goalkeeper first signed for them in August 1978, though it was not until 1986 that he made his debut.

Born in Blaenau Festiniog in 1960, he played for his home town team before being signed by Bolton in the summer of 1978 at a time when Jim McDonagh was their regular goalkeeper. In order to gain useful experience he was loaned to Rochdale in the following season and played regularly for them in Division Four, making a big impact though still only 18.

In the following season he had loan spells with Bradford City and Crewe before returning to Rochdale for the latter part of the season. Then he moved more permanently to Lincoln, costing them £25,000 in September 1980. He missed only four games in their 1980/81 promotion campaign and all in all he missed only seven games in four and a half seasons at Sincil Bank before being loaned to Cardiff in December 1984. It was for Grimsby that he signed in February 1985, however, and from then he was loaned to Bolton, making his debut in a 4-0 win over Newport in Division Three in February 1986.

He played regularly until the end of that season, but then moved back to Grimsby. He played for them in the first few games of 1986/87 and then after a brief loan spell with Rotherham he signed more permanently for Bolton in February 1987. He was in their team in the 1-0 win over us a month later and he played in both games against us in 1987/88. He has been an ever-present in the past two seasons and has missed just six games this season when former Hereford man Kevin Rose took over.

David, who celebrated his thirtieth birthday shortly after making his 400th League and cup appearance is splendidly built for the job and we welcome him on this, his third visit to Fellows Park.



man

TONY PHILLISKIRK

Top of the Bolton scoresheet in his first season at Burnden Park is tall striker Tony Philliskirk, who is already into double figures for the first time in his eight seasons in the Football League.

Born in Sunderland in 1965 he progressed via the Sheffield United junior ranks to make his first team debut in a Third Division game against Brentford in October 1983. A week later he got his first goal with the matchwinner at Plymouth. After two seasons of fairly regular first team duty he had two seasons on the edge of the side and in quest of first team football had a spell on loan to Rotherham in 1986/87.

He won his place back in 1987/88 and netted nine goals before moving to Oldham during the following close season. He scored twice in 13 games for the Latics and then moved to Preston last February, scoring six goals in 14 games.

Bolton then paid £50,000 for his signature during the close season and his 20 goals this season include 7 in away games. He has been on the mark in both the recent 3-0 wins over Notts County and Reading, and his two goals in the last four minutes enabled Bolton to snatch victory away from Preston North End last Saturday.

Tall and enterprising he will need watching tonight.

BOLTON WANDERERS THIS SEASON'S LEAGUE RESULTS

Bolton 0 Brentford 1
Bolton 0 Northampton 3
Bolton 0 Rotherham United 2
Bolton 2 Blackpool 0
Bolton 2 Preston North End 1
Bolton 3 Birmingham City 1
Bolton 3 Bury 1
Bolton 3 Cardiff City 1
Bolton 3 Notts County 1
Bolton 3 Reading 1
Bolton 0 Fulham 0
Bolton 0 Swansea City 0
Bolton 1 Bristol Rovers 0
Bolton 1 Chester City 0
Bolton 1 Mansfield Town 1
Bolton 1 Walsall 1
Bolton 2 Orient 1
Bolton 3 Wigan Athletic 2
Birmingham City 1 Bolton 0
Brentford 1 Bolton 2
Bristol City 1 Bolton 1
Cardiff City 0 Bolton 2
Chester City 2 Bolton 0
Crewe Alexandra 2 Bolton 2
Fulham 2 Bolton 1
Huddersfield Town 1 Bolton 1
Mansfield Town 0 Bolton 1
Northampton Town 0 Bolton 2
Notts County 2 Bolton 1
Orient 0 Bolton 0
Preston North End 1 Bolton 4
Reading 2 Bolton 0
Rotherham United 1 Bolton 0
Shrewsbury Town 3 Bolton 3
Tranmere Rovers 1 Bolton 3
Wigan Athletic 2 Bolton 0

Mark Came



PLAYED FOR BOTH SIDES STEVE ELLIOTT

Steve Elliott, who is currently with Rochdale, is a much-travelled player who had useful spells with both of today's teams.

Born in Haltwistle in 1958 he graduated via the Notts Forest apprenticeship scheme to make his debut in a First Division game at Coventry in August 1978. Later that season he moved to Preston and got 78 goals for them in just over five seasons.

Luton paid £95,000 for him in the summer of 1984 and he scored six goals in half a season before coming to us in December of that year in the deal that took David Preece to Luton. He made his debut for us at Hull in the same month, got his first goal against Orient two months later and by the end of the season he had got five goals, fitting in well alongside Richard O'Kelly.

He really blossomed in 1985/86, his 17 goals including two each against Swansea, Rotherham and Bristol Rovers. In the following summer he moved to Bolton and scored for them here in a 3-3 draw two months later. His seasons tally was 9 and his full tally was 11 by the time he moved to Bury in the summer of 1988.

He got 11 goals for the Shakers last season and he has got six more since moving to Rochdale during the summer though in recent weeks he has mainly been substitute.

Now 31, 6ft Steve has a career tally of 136 goals in just over 450 games including 24 in 82 games for us.

Pictured below is Steve in action for us against Bristol Rovers during the 1986/87 season.



BOLTON MANAGER PHIL NEAL

The ten appearances that Phil Neal made for Bolton last season took his career tally to 915 in League and cup games. He has also scored 94 goals - a remarkable tally for a defender, but it is as a manager intent upon leading his side back towards former glories that he comes here today just over four years after taking over at Burnden Park.

Born in Irchester in 1951 he had considerable experience with Northampton in the lower divisions before Bob Paisley swooped to sign him for Liverpool in November 1974. The cost was just £65,000 and even Liverpool have made few finer signings. He quickly took over the number 2 shirt and in his second season took over from Kevin Keegan as the Liverpool penalty king.

Soon he was netting twice from the spot against Arsenal and he went on to score the clincher in the 1977 European Cup final and again on the penalty shoot out in the 1984 final against AS Roma. His fitness was as impressive as his skill and in ten seasons from 1975 to 1985 he missed only one Football League game for the Reds. He played in no fewer than four European Cup finals for Liverpool and captained them in two of them. He won a total of 50 England caps between 1976 and 1983.

While still holding his own at First Division level he moved to Bolton as player-manager in December 1985 and he proved that he still had much to offer as a player, when as recently as last season he reintroduced himself into the team when possible danger of relegation loomed. It was averted.

Having led his side to promotion from Division Four in 1987/88 he is hoping to take his side to Division Two and a play-off place looks to be well within their grasp this season.

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with Steve Davies



After reviewing the programmes from Division Three in the last programme it's now the turn of the Division Two clubs programmes to come under the spotlight today and this is a difficult section to judge in that a number of club's are charging £1.00 like the First Division clubs but the standard of publication is not of the same.

Looking down the table as league positions stand, *Leeds United* have maintained a high standard during all the years of exile in Division Two and again this is one of the best, very good colour coverage and not a bad read. *Sheffield United* are another consistently good programme which is an informative read, Dave Bassett's column again interesting. *Swindon Town* - another good read and good value for money.

Blackburn Rovers is an example of the pound programme that does not justify the price tag not a very good read and overpriced.

Newcastle United has jumped up from 75p to £1.00 this year but there has been a marked improvement from last season to go with the increase moving the programme into the upper echelon. *Oldham Athletic* is a below average issue for the Division, although only 80p. *Ipswich Town* has been consistently good over the years and again its of a high standard this year.

Wolves our local rivals have a reasonable read with good colour coverage plus interesting items from Charlie Bamforth, but a little is lost in it's layout. *Sunderland* is my favourite programme because it's only 50p and contains colour, the content however, is not as good as others but the value for money more than compensates for this. *West Ham United* is the best programme in Division Two they have maintained their high standard from relegation last season the colour content is high and the articles excellent and the best "pounder" in the Second Division. *Port Vale* have overhauled their programme and early season at 80p it was not a bad issue but since the Derby County Cup tie the price rose to £1.00 which is not a realistic price but its still a vast improvement on previous seasons Vale programmes. *Oxford United* has a reasonable programme which runs along in the middle of the table due to the good standard from other clubs. *Watford* is again one of the better issues in the league but it has slipped a little from last season the page size has changed from the square issue to a standard this year and in my mind is just below the top three.

Bournemouth has improved steadily over the last few years, and has done so again. *Brighton* although still being a good read has gone down from last season's small information packed programme but is a fair issue still. *Portsmouth's* issue at £1.00 has good colour and a fair read as well. *Hull City* is the worst in Division Two this season lacking reading, no colour at all and advertisement laden. *Plymouth Argyle* is once again an average issue with high advertisements content and large print size. *Bradford City* only escape the worst in the Division due to Hull's mediocrity but its a close run thing as there's very little of substance in the Bradford issue either - poor value for money. *Stoke City* is uninspiring in design the colour is poor making it a below average programme for Division Two. Overall a good standard from Division Two clubs.

Steve's Best Three:

1. West Ham United. 2. Leeds United. 3. Sunderland.

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THEY'LL AVE TER LET WEE IN

Aynok and Ayli really had a bad week last week. Both had been in considerable trouble at home with Aynok's missus in particular holding forth about his failure to cut the back lawn. 'It's so lung that young babby from next door gor lost in it thother day. The woman theer nearly ad the police out afore we realised weere er wus'.

Then Ayli had been a bit slow to get off to work the morning that the mist was hanging about. 'It's foggy o'er the rooftops', he had said. 'Well, yo ay gooin that road' she had pointed out forcibly and had taken his hat and coat and put them on the wagon, knowing that he would in due course follow. 'Ah get a lot more sense out of that oss than yo' she had added in passing.

Then they'd got the sharp end of Horace Brisbane's tongue when, hearing that he had given up one of his jobs in the Methodist Church because of pressure of his full time job they had asked whether he was also giving up his job at Fellows Park as referee's liaison officer and had rushed to offer their services. 'We'll ave im on a payment by results basis' they had said 'If our lads win we pay im, if they lose we doh an if it's a draw we toss up whether we pay him or not'.

'You'd have us chucked out of the League', Horace had said rather icily. 'It's people like you who get the club and the game a bad name'.

'Gerroff wi yer', Aynok had said. 'Folks wouldn't know about yo if it wor fer wee giin yer a mention in our column'.

At this Horace had turned away muttering something about the laws of libel and that he'd see Don Stanton about having their column stopped.

They had intended taking their discussions with Horace further at the Wigan game, but on the way from Gornal they had had a mishap. Going along a road that was virtually one way only because of roadworks the rear wheel of their cart had slipped into a hole. Aynok had leaped off the cart and held on to the horse, but Ayli had been deposited unceremoniously in the hole that had some water at the bottom. Aynok could hardly refrain from laughing, but after being subjected to some unprintable abuse from Ayli, he strove to pull him out only to lose his footing and end up in the hole on top of him. At this the horse leaned over to see what was happening and sought to comfort them by licking their faces liberally.

It took a friendly policeman, a lorry driver and two typical Bilston lads who had just rolled out of their local, almost an hour to heave Aynok, Ayli and the wheel of the cart out. Unabashed they continued on their way wet through and speckled by horse manure. 'There'll be ell of a stink wen our missuses see us' said Ayli.

'Doh worry it'll blow away at the match' said Aynok.

It was 4.15 when they arrived on the Hillary Street carpark only to find the gates locked. They

banged and banged, but the stewards inside who were watching the match thought they were hooligans and when he peered through a crack and saw the ludicrous sight that met his eyes and sniffed the result of the horse's over-excitement he turned away. Aynok then gave Ayli a piggy back and he was almost over the gate when an officer of the law threatened to arrest him if he went any further. 'We'm sayson ticket holders' Ayli protested, 'Fetch Roy Whalley, ee knows us. If yo cor find im fetch Barrie Blower'.

But with the game going badly for Walsall neither was too keen to face any more of the public that they could help. Finally the doors were opened with a few minutes to go and Aynok and Ayli scrambled up the bank just in time to see Peter Skipper deflect the ball home for Wigan's matchwinner.

'Bin swimmin in the cut yo two', said a friendly fan as the final whistle went.

If that wasn't bad enough we hear as we go to press that Aynok and Ayli didn't receive their Statement of Accounts and invitation to yesturday's Shareholders' meeting. They were however determined to go and try their luck. We hope to have a report on how they got on in our next issue.



Freddie Barber has been in demand by our mascots, top - Freddie with Sharon Best against Blackpool and then with Dominic Rossookh and Adam Gunn against Wigan.



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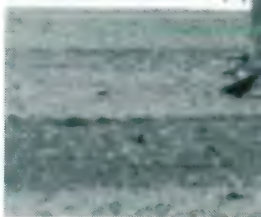
(Viking 1989 £12.95).

Since this book was already in preparation in 1988, the fact that its publication coincided with John Lyall's sacking as West Ham United's manager is something of a macabre coincidence. It did mean however that a new 'top and tail' were added to John's original script. He tells movingly of being summoned to the Chairman's house at a time when he was negotiating transfers for the 1989/90 season in Division Two and of how he declined the offer of a testimonial match in that it would be unfair for the fans to have to dip into their pockets again for him. He opted for keeping his club car instead.

There is plenty of snippets of interest in the book - Lyell's signing of Phil Parkes from QPR and starting training half an hour later from then on to accommodate the big goalkeeper's long journey from Wokingham, his clash with referee Clive Thomas over a disallowed goal, his sitting on the Football League transfer appeals tribunal etc.

It is a genuine autobiography with a fair amount on John's early life and his enforced retirement from playing at the age of 24.

It's 248 pages are full of interest but for £12.95 it would have been nice to have an index for fans who like to check whether there is anything about their own club or their own favourite player.



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Top - right: Gary Ford scores
Left - top: Adrian Littlejohn in
Forbes battles it out with Shr
Shrewsbury's Tony Kelly high
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for goal against Wigan Athletic.
 action at Shrewsbury. Left - middle: Graeme
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Two seemingly unconnected events, one a universally sad one, the other an unfortunate one for certain midland soccer fans, occurred within the space of 48 hours just a week ago. We refer to the death of ace radio commentator Peter Jones, who died virtually in harness after commentating on the Boat Race and the scoring of five goals against Birmingham by Mansfield's Steve Wilkinson.

Both events give older fans at any rate cause for sombre reflection. Not everyone listens to radio commentaries these days though there will be those who today who have thrilled to the voice of Peter Jones, particularly when commentating on midweek games as he has said words something like 'It's all happening here at Anfield/Old Trafford/even Cambridge, so sit back and enjoy the second half commentary and, perhaps on a car journey, the tingle of excitement has been conveyed to us. Is the present writer the only one who on completion of a journey home has sat outside in his own drive for the last few minutes of a Peter Jones commentary as one side or other has strove to hold on to a narrow lead or perhaps to snatch a matchwinner.

Yes, Peter was in that tradition of radio commentator who made a game live for those listening at home, in the car or even at work. Sadly he has now joined two more of the commentators to which my love of the game owes so much, Raymond Glendenning and Maurice Edelston, whose voices will never again be

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heard live. Just how much interest they awoke in the game and how much they did to underline the high standards that it must set itself can never be assessed.

There will always be a place for radio commentary even now that television seems to be taking more and more games live, because people interested in the game will always tend to be in places where it is impracticable to watch television. Even so the great days of radio commentary were just before and just after the Second World War when television of games was still in the future - and that era coincided with what many would claim to be the game at its peak. Grounds bulged at the seams, goals flooded into nets and the feat of Steve Wilkinson in getting his five goals for Mansfield also takes our minds back to that era.

For whilst it is true that Oldham's Frankie Bunn actually got six goals in a Littlewoods Cup-tie earlier this season such feats make national headlines nowadays such is there rarity. Yet there was a time when they occurred around once a month somewhere or other in the Football League. In fact of the 133 instances of five goals in a

game by an individual over a hundred took place before the 60's and there have been just five instances in the seventies and eighties, apart from the players mentioned above the others being Alan Brazil in his Ipswich days. Ian Rush (from Liverpool needless to say) and Tony Caldwell for Bolton against Walsall. It is interesting that in an otherwise fairly unspectacular career Tony should achieve something that Nat Lofthouse and other Bolton stalwarts never did achieve.

It is also interesting that some clubs have never had a 5-goal a game player - Bournemouth, Bristol Rovers, Cambridge, Chesterfield, Colchester, Crewe, Hereford, Manchester United, Nottingham Forest, Orient, Oxford, Peterborough, QPR, Rotherham, Wigan and Wimbledon. Walsall have not had one since Johnny Devlin got five against Torquay in September 1949, but Shrewsbury's Alf Wood (later to play for Walsall) managed it in 1971.

Just a thought - some of the most spectacular individual scoring feats have been in a holiday game - Joe Payne got ten goals for Luton on Easter Tuesday 1936 while on the previous Boxing Day Bunny Bell got nine goals for Tranmere.

Is there a player somewhere who over the Easter holiday will get five or more? If there is he will warm the hearts of fans far and near for one of the messages that Peter Jones broadcast again and again was that everybody loves a goalscorer.

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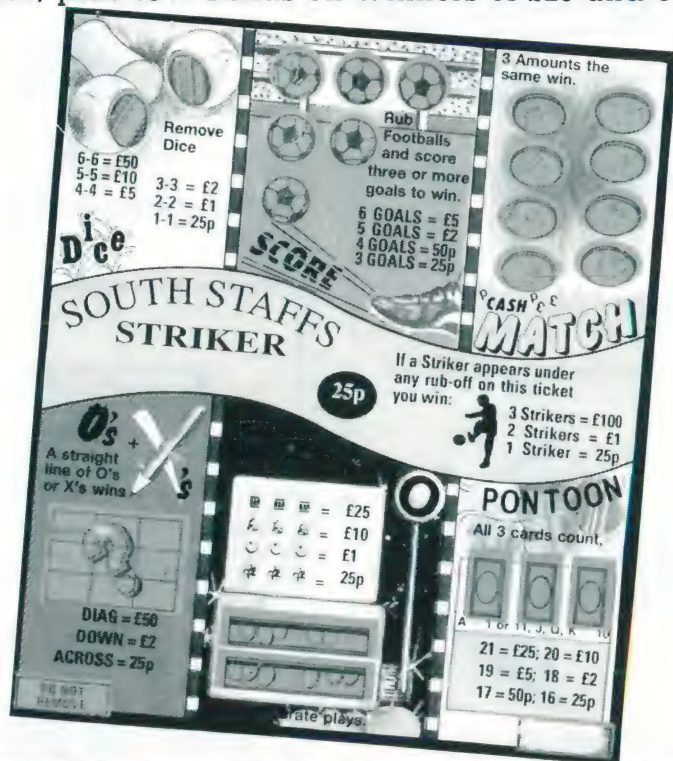


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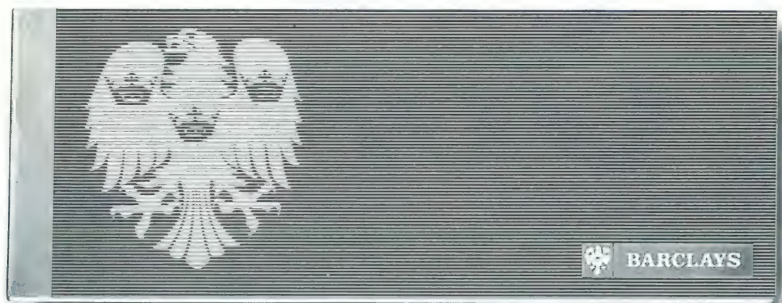
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ON THE SPOT

with Charlie Bamforth

Thursday, March 29th

The build-up to the World Cup finals in Italy continues inexorably.

First off, Leonardo Vecchiet, the Italian side's doctor, announces that during their three week training build up to the tournament the team will be requested not to smoke and also to refrain from sex. Conversely they will be fed oodles of pasta for, as we all know, spaghetti, cannelloni and the like are jam-packed full of energy-giving carbohydrate. Ah well! at least two of the three staples of the Italian diet will be catered for.

Meanwhile the referees selected for the competition have just completed a three day training course, after which the FIFA secretary-general, Herr Sepp Blatter, announced that half of the thirty-six "have shortcomings in physical condition". In other words, it seems to me that they should cut out the fags and the sex (or indeed both if the cap fits!).

The men in black, though, have been told (I am delighted to say) that they should come down hard on the prima donnas who celebrate goals as if they have just achieved the ultimate orgasm. "People who climb up goal posts and netting" says Herr Blatter "do not belong to the human race"

Friday, March 30th

Back in Blighty, though, it is announced that Sheffield United are not to pursue their desert connection. "I am determined to end this affair in the best interests of the club" announces chairman Reg Brealey. What perplexes me is how a matter of a month changes the complexion of a deal which was supposed to have brought the club up smelling of roses and geared for the 21st century. Or didn't Mr Hashimi relish the long ball/offside tactics?

Saturday, March 31st

Barnet 0 Darlington 2 at the top of the Vauxhall Conference. But what is most notable about the game is the attendance: a capacity 5,880 in an all-ticket super-charged atmosphere. Only one club in the Fourth Division today got a higher gate -and that was Grimsby for the local derby with Lincoln (11,427). Burnley and Carlisle, each Division One old boys, were easily surpassed. Even more poignant is that only one club fetched more in Division Three -top of the table Bristol City for the visit of

Mansfield (11,773). Barnet's gate was even higher than for Hull City versus West Bromwich Albion in Division Two. It just goes to show that crowds will flood to a showpiece in which ever grade. The question is, how do you make more games in the calendar super-charged in the same way? Worth a brainstorm I have no doubt.

Sunday, April 1st

As Barnet and Darlington (happily) thrive, spare a thought for Chester, for where do they go next season? They have to vacate Sealand Road, home for 84 years, as a supermarket encroaches thereon later in the year. Manchester City have turned them away from the door as they reckon that Maine Road will tolerate quite enough soccer next season already thankyou. A glance at the map reveals that Tranmere and Wrexham are the most proximal clubs, so presumably they must remain favourites. But surely Walsall fans, looking forward to their new environs, will be wondering why other clubs seem not to be as far-looking as is their own.

Meanwhile Jimmy McCalliog has stepped in as manager of Halifax Town. Really, wee man, do you need the hassle?

Monday, April 2nd

Peter Jones, Radio 2's velvet-toned football commentator, died in the early hours of this morning, aged 60. It is a sad, sad loss. The man's impeccable delivery could render the dulllest of soccer spectacles into a celebration of the world's finest game. His like is not to be found elsewhere. No tribute can be greater than to say that his commentaries made football so much more enjoyable over the radio waves than as seen on a television screen.

At 2.45 pm today did the earth tremble for you? It did for me, based as I am 20 miles from the epicentre (Wrexham) of this century's biggest earthquake in U.K. And all the time I thought it was merely the backwash from a Jones-Kamara tackle in a Leeds training session.

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Reflections

THIRTY YEARS AGO

We strengthened our promotion drive with a 4-1 win at second from bottom Southport on April 9th, 1960. Colin Taylor had the game virtually won in the first half hour, first netting from an awkward angle and then being put through the centre by Tony Richards for a second. Then just after the interval Tony Richards made it 3-0 with a header from a smart lob from Colin Askey. With time running our Armour Ashe netted a penalty after Jepson had been brought down, but Jimmy Dudley made the final score 4-1 netting direct from a freekick 25 yards out.

SOUTHPORT: Barnard; Ashe; Rankin; Rutherford; Darvell; Grant; Harrison; Moss; Jensen; Blain.

WALSALL: Christie; Haddington; Sharples; Billingham; McPherson; Dudley; Askey; Faulkner; Richards; Hodgkinson; Taylor.

We were now five points ahead of Notts County at the top of Division Four while Aston Villa led Division Two by a point. Bolton meanwhile beat Lancashire neighbours Preston 2-1 with Roy Hartle (penalty) and Denis Stevens on the mark to lift them to sixth in Division One.

TWENTY YEARS AGO

In a Thursday evening game at Rochdale on April 9th, 1970 we won 2-1 to make it three wins in six days, having previously beaten both Bradford City and Orient here and this lifted us close to mid-table in Division Three. Colin Taylor and Johnny Woodward got our goals at Rochdale and Billy Rudd replied.

ROCHDALE: Harker; Smith; Ryder; Riley; Parry; Ashworth; Butler; Rudd; Jenkins; Blair; Downes.

WALSALL: Parkes; Harrison; Evans; Bennett (Gregg); Jones; Atthey; Woodward; Trevis; Seal; Morris; Taylor.

Attendance: 4,401.

On the same evening Bolton were held to a goalless draw by Norwich in Division Two where they were just below mid-table, their team at that time including our former goalkeeper Alan Boswell and present-day PFA Chairman Gordon Taylor up front. On the previous evening in a mid-table First Division game Manchester United had beaten West Bromwich 7-0 at Old Trafford with John Fitzpatrick, Bobby Charlton and Alan Gowling getting two goals each and George Best the other. Aston Villa beat Middlesbrough 2-0 with goals from Willie Anderson and Brian Godfrey, but they were still in serious danger of relegation to the Third Division for the first time ever, as were Preston.

TEN YEARS AGO

In a Fourth Division promotion game at Huddersfield's Leeds Road on April 12th, 1980 we picked up a hard-won point to keep us five points ahead of the tenners at the top of Division Four. Brian Stanton netted a screamer of a 25-yard shot in the first half, but after the break Don Penn was put through by Ian Paul to net his 25th goal of the season and so earn a point.

HUDDERSFIELD: Rankin; Brown; Purdie; Stanton; Sutton; Harvey; Lavenck; Hart; Kindon; Robin; Fletcher.

WALSALL: Green; Macken; Mower; Stragiac (McDorrige); Serella; Williams (G); Reed; Paul; Penn; Buckley; Caswell.

Attendance: 17,233

Bolton meanwhile lost 2-1 at Bristol City and were now bottom of Division One, while in the F.A. Cup semi-finals played on the same day Everton drew 1-1 with West Ham after Brian Kidd had both netted a penalty and been sent off and Liverpool and Arsenal drew 0-0. Leicester beat Birmingham 2-1 in the Second Division's Match of the Day and they were now second with Blues fourth.



Saddlers Great Games

WALSALL 3 BOLTON WANDERERS 2 October 7th, 1972

This was a cracker of a game early in Bolton's Third Division Championship season, but it was us who were making the running at the time and it was a real table topper as we kicked off with seven wins and a draw already to our credit from our first eleven games while Bolton had won six and drawn two up to that point and were in fourth spot though only one point behind us, with Grimsby and Port Vale squeezed between us.

We got off to a tremendous start and gave Barry Siddall, who was making his debut in the Bolton goal in place of Charlie Wright, a first half to remember.

We took an early lead when Chris Jones beat John Ritson out on the left and crossed for Bobby Shinton to thunder home a volley.

The game was still only 13 minutes old when Jones crossed again, Brian Taylor headed against a post and in the ensuing scramble Johnny Woodward got to the ball first and made it 2-0. With half-time approaching it was 3-0 as Chris Jones, who was having probably his best game in our colours raced on to a through ball and lobbed it over the luckless Siddall's head to make it 3-0 at the interval.

Then the game turned after both defences had been weakened by both Stan Bennett and Paul Jones taking heavy knocks. Both stayed on the field, and it was Paul Jones in fact who brought the visitors back into the game midway through the half. Then with time beginning to run out Roy Greaves squeezed another and we ended the game holding on for what we thought at the time to be a vital win. As it turned out we slipped to five successive defeats a few weeks later while Bolton lost only one more game up to the turn of the year.

We ended the season in 17th place. Bolton finished top and Barry Siddall, who had rather an unhappy debut was still playing 18 years later with well over 600 League and cup games to his credit.

WALSALL: Wesson; Gregg; Evans; Harrison; Jones S; Bennett; Taylor; Woodward; Jones C; Shinton; Penman.

BOLTON: Siddall; Ritson; McAllister; Nicholson; Jones P; Rimmer; Waldron; Byrom (Greaves); Jones G; Wright; Phillips.

Attendance: 7,631.

Saddlers' TAILORING JIMMY ARMFIELD'S

WALSALL v BOLTON - April 8th, 1972.

Today we look back just 18 years to our first postwar home game against today's visitors and to a 16 page issue costing just five pence and edited by Alf Mew, whose death we were very sorry to hear of just a fortnight ago.

An unusual feature that ran for just one season was a two-page feature written by Pauline Johns, who actually launched the idea of ringing a feminine view to a football programme by appearing on television's 'Midlands Today'. In this particular issue she features a member of the office staff at Fellows Park at that time and the wife of one of our players, Graham Sissons.

It is interesting to see the then Chairman Ron Harrison's column near the back of the programme with Paul Marston (while much younger is happily still going strong in the Evening Mail today) writing the page 3 leader. Geoff Allman's Introduction to Visitors is a little shorter than his equivalent feature today and two advertisers still with us today are Highgate and the Walsall Observer.

The game itself was fairly ordinary between two teams just out of the promotion race - it ended 1-1 with both goals in the second half from Brian Taylor for us and John Byrom for Bolton - and 4,735 were here to see it.

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from the press box

Having seen Bolton Wanderers in their home game with Walsall on March 22, I anticipate an extremely good return match at Fellows Park tonight.

After a moderate start to the season they have developed, under the guidance of manager Jimmy Armfield, into a particularly useful side and, while they lost 1-0 to the Saddlers at Burnden Park, Wanderers cannot be underestimated now.

EX-ENGLAND STRIKER

They struck me as a big, powerful side with the right blend to be in the third division promotion race next season. Walsall will have to keep a careful watch on the strong-running Garry Jones, the goal-matching of Roy Greaves, and, of course, the all-round ability of Roger Hunt.

The former England World Cup star plays in midfield these days, but he can still be relied upon to pop up with the occasional goal, as several third division defences will testify.

So it is fairly obvious that the Saddlers will have their own way, but if they can produce the form we know they are capable of they should be good enough to record a rare "double".

TOP PLAYER

I note that the 'Supporter's' Club is looking for the "Player of the Season".

and it is a long time since the team possessed so many candidates for the title. Any member of the defence could win the trophy, there have been some excellent performances in midfield, and in the second half of the season the forwards have been in for a lot of praise.

Four matches have been played between the time I wrote these notes and today, which means I am unable to dwell on the team's current league position. However, it was good to see Walsall rising to 12th place—their highest position since the second week of LAST season, following the win over Torquay United.

WHAT A FINISH!

The transformation since the poor start, in spite of selling players to keep the wolf from the door, reflects great credit on the backroom boys of Fellows Park as well as the men who have been getting the results on the field.

by Paul Marston

The end of the season is now in full swing and, though there are still four more very interesting home games here after tonight, Plymouth Argyle, Tranmere Rovers and Huddersfield are still in the mix. A local "derby" against old rivals Shrewsbury Town to bring down the curtain on April 25. The only remaining away trip for the team is to Rochdale.

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Introducing our visitors

A big welcome is extended today to Bolton Wanderers, who, although founder members of the Football League in 1888, have made only one previous visit to Walsall, and that way back on November 24, 1899 when the score was 2-2 and contemporary reports speak of a great display by visiting goalkeeper Sutcliffe and a late equaliser by Bolton.

Since then both clubs have had their ups and downs, but this is the first season that Wanderers have been in Division III and in fact all but 14 years of their existence have been spent in Division I. They, of course, won the first-ever Wembley Cup Final in 1923 and repeated this success in 1926 (v. Man. City), 1929 (v. Portsmouth) and 1958 (v. Man. Utd.).



still a considerable power in the game. Roger was of course here with Liverpool in the 1968 F.A. Cup tie.

GARY JONES also needs watching near goal—he will be remembered for his sensational hat-trick against Manchester City, whilst leading scorer to date is ROY GREAVES, whose 12 goals include an F.A. Cup hat-trick against Rossendale.

Midfield is usually the responsibility of GRAHAM ROWE and PETER NICHOLSON, two close-season signings

from Blackpool, Peter being the man who surges forward looking for goals from time to time. Another ex-Blackpool man is Scotsman HENRY MOWBRAY and ALAN WALDRON (brother of Burnley's Colin) has made a few appearances recently in a defensive role. Completing the back four recently have been two highly promising youngsters PAUL JONES and DON McALLISTER, both still in their teens. They have helped to counteract the loss at various times through suspension and injury of last

season's regular defenders, Merseyside's JOHN RITSON and WARWICK RIMMER.

LAST LINES

The splendid form of CHARLIE WRIGHT, a close season signing from Charlton, has kept our former goal-keeper ALAN BOWELL out of the side this season. Charlie will be remembered from his Grimsby days when (as on most grounds) he entertained our Hilary Street end not only with his agility and safe handling, but with his steady flow of repartee.

THIS SEASON

Even this season JIMMY ARMFIELD'S boys have had their moments in the Cup, ousting Manchester City from the League Cup to the tune of 3-0 and then forcing a draw at Stamford Bridge before going on to the replay. They also reached round 4 of the F.A. Cup when, by a strange quirk of the draw, they again went out to Chelsea.

In league games they began like the proverbial house on fire, winning at North County, whipping Aston Villa at Burnden Park and being unbeaten in their first five away games. Then came something of a slump until their recent unbeaten run of six games, which included wins at Wrexham and (of all places) Bournemouth.

HERE TODAY

During their unhappy mid season spell it was the attack which was giving most cause for concern and to boost this RALPH WRIGHT was signed from Stockport and KEVIN McMAHON from York City. Both scored on their debuts and their arrival coincided with a return to scoring form of ROGER HUNT who netted twice at both Wrexham and Bournemouth and with a tally of 267 stands now as the most prolific scorer still in the active game. He has, of course, announced that he is retiring at the end of the season, something that all soccer fans will regret though one respects his decision to go out whilst

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BOLTON

Colours to be announced

- 1 Wesson
- 2 Gregg
- 3 Evans
- 4 Harrison
- 5 Jones, S.
- 6 Bennett
- 7 Taylor, B.
- 8 Shinton
- 9 Jones, C.
- 10 Parnham
- 11 Morrie
- 12 Taylor, C.

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Walsall v Rotherham United - Postponed Game Programme from February 13th 1990.

The programme for this game was of course printed. It will not now be re-issued for the game on May 1st 1990 and a new programme will be printed. The programme for the cancelled game are therefore on sale at the Programme Shop on Wallows Lane Car Park.



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Soccer Scene

What are the chances that this time next season we shall be looking back at the present campaign as the sort of nightmare that every club has once in a hundred years. On Saturday our defeat at Swansea provided the home side with their first points and their first goals for four games. We have now failed to score in five successive away games despite the welcome point from the goalless draw at Fulham in midweek, our second point in three visits there.

John McGinlay's first-ever hat-trick earned Shrewsbury Town a point in a 3-3 draw with Huddersfield on Saturday to take his season's tally into the twenties, two of the goals coming in the last six minutes. Huddersfield have now taken seven points from their last three away games despite losing five home games in a row and they are still in with a chance of the playoffs.

So too are the season's surprise team, Crewe, who are level on points with them and who drew 2-2 with all-conquering Tranmere on Friday. Alexandra have now played 13 games without defeat since going down at home to Birmingham in January.

Talking of Blues, they too are level on points with Crewe and Huddersfield, but they dropped points last week when beaten 5-2 at Mansfield before being involved in their second successive goalless draw at home on Saturday, this time with Chester.

Though he has scored only three goals at home since the turn of the year, Bristol City's Bob Turner has scored 12 away from home during this period and on Saturday his two goals helped his side to a 3-2 win at Wigan, their sixth win in seven away games to make them hot favourites for

the Third Division Championship. Wigan had the unusual experience last week of losing at home to both Bristol clubs in the space of four days and Rovers are showing every sign of making it a Bristol promotion double.

On Saturday Rovers beat Chester 2-1 to maintain their unbeaten home record and they share this particular distinction with Second Division Leeds United and Fourth Division Exeter City. While Rovers now have a grip on second place, Notts County are battling to catch up with Tranmere in third place and Kevin Bartlett, their recent signing from West Bromwich Albion, seems to be providing just the fillip they needed, his goal at Brentford on Saturday earning them their third successive away game - and this on a ground where they had lost on each of their last three visits.

Tonight's visitors, Bolton had Tony Philliskirk to thank for their win against Preston on Saturday when he got their two goals in the last five minutes.

Two goals in the last six minutes also earned struggling Northampton Town a point in their 2-2 draw with Fulham, but they are still without a win since the turn of the year. The last-minute equaliser came from our former winger Adrian Thorpe, his second goal in successive home games.

Another struggling side Cardiff City went down to their third successive away defeat, 3-1 at Orient, where they have now lost on three successive visits. Meanwhile Mansfield Town continued to edge out of the danger zone with Trevor Christie netting a penalty, his fifteenth goal of the season, in their 1-1 draw with Reading. Blackpool's recent recovery that had seen

them unbeaten in five successive games came to an end in a 2-1 home defeat by Rotherham United, who had lost on their three previous visits to Bloomfield Road and who still have playoff hopes.

Turning briefly to Division Four, Exeter City failed to win at home for only the third time this season when held to a 1-1 draw by Stockport County. Hartlepool United are now almost out of danger after beating promotion contenders Carlisle United while Wrexham did their chances of staying out of the Vauxhall Conference a boost by beating Maidstone United who thus received a setback to their playoff hopes.

In Division One Chelsea beat Luton Town for the fourth time in five home games against them, Coventry City beat Derby County whom they had lost at home to in both the last two seasons and Everton beat QPR for the sixth time in seven games at Goodison Park. Spurs win at Nottingham Forest was their third in five visits there while Forest have now taken only one point from their last seven games.

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	22-PORT VALE L.C.&H.T.L.	12	4,714	Barber	Gritt	Mower	Kelly*	Forbes	Skipper	Pritchard	Rimmer	Saville	Hawker	Thorpe	Goodwin*	Bertschin
	28-PUDDERSFIELD TOWN	23	4,106	Barber	Gritt	Mower	Kelly*	Forbes	Skipper	Pritchard	Rimmer	Saville	Goodwin	Thorpe	Goodwin*	Bertschin*
	28-Port Vale L.C.&H.T.L	0-1	4,441	Green	Gritt	Mower	Goodwin	Forbes	Skipper	Pritchard*	Rimmer	Saville	Hawker	Thorpe+	Kelly+	Hawker*
	SEPTEMBER															
	2-Rotherham United	22	5,526	Green	Gritt	Mower*	Goodwin	Forbes	Skipper	Pritchard+	Rimmer	Saville	Hawker	Thorpe	Kelly*	Bertschin+
	9-LEYTON ORIENT	13	3,884	Green	Gritt	Mower	Goodwin	Forbes	Skipper	Pritchard*	Rimmer	Saville	Kelly	Thorpe	Hawker*	Bertschin
	16-Reading	10	3,819	Green	Gritt	Mower	Kelly	Smith	Skipper	Rees	Rimmer	Saville	Jones P*	Thorpe	Hawker	Bertschin
	23-FULHAM	0-0	3,969	Green	Gritt	Mower	Kelly	Smith	Skipper	Rees	Rimmer	Saville	Jones P	Thorpe	Hawker*	Bertschin
	26-Birmingham City	0-2	15	10,834	Green	Gritt	Hawker	Kelly	Forbes	Skipper	Rees	Saville	Goodwin	Thorpe	Bertschin*	Goodwin
30-PRESTON NORTH END	10	4,045	Green	Gritt	Mower	taylor	Forbes	Skipper	Rees*	Bertschin	Saville P	Hawker	Thorpe	Kelly*	Goldsmith	
OCTOBER																
7-NOTTIS COUNTY	22	4,492	Green	Gritt	Mower	Taylor	Forbes	Skipper	Kelly	Bertschin	Saville	Goodwin	Thorpe*	Rimmer*	Marsh	
14-Manchester Town	20	3,229	Green	Gritt*	Marsh	Taylor	Forbes	Skipper	Kelly	Bertschin	Saville	Goodwin	Thorpe	Rimmer*	O'Hara*	
17-SHREWSBURY TOWN	02	4,266	Green	Gritt	O'Hara	Taylor	Forbes	Skipper	Kelly	Bertschin	Saville	Goodwin*	Thorpe	Rimmer*	Marsh	
21-Wigan Athletic	0-3	4,278	Green	Gritt	O'Hara	Taylor	Forbes	Skipper	Kelly	Bertschin	Saville	Goodwin	Thorpe	Rimmer*	Marsh	
28-SWANSEA CITY	0-1	3,469	Green	Gritt	O'Hara	Taylor	Forbes	Skipper	Kelly	Rimmer	Bertschin	Saville*	Hawker	Thorpe	Goodwin	
31-Bolton Wanderers	11	7,363	Green	Gritt	O'Hara	Marsh*	Forbes	Skipper	Kelly	Rimmer	Bertschin	Hawker+	Thorpe	Saville*	Goodwin+	
NOVEMBER																
4-BRISTOL CITY	02	5,286	Green	Wilder	O'Hara	Lemon	Forbes	Skipper	Kelly	Rimmer	Bertschin	Goodwin*	Thorpe	Saville*	Marsh	
7-Cardiff City Ld	53	1,467	Green	Wilder	Lemon	Forbes	Skipper	Kelly	Rimmer	Bertschin 2	Marsh	Goodwin	Thorpe	Saville	Smith	
10-Tranmere Rovers	12	6,261	Green	Wilder	O'Hara*	Mower	Gritt	Forbes	Skipper	Rimmer P	Bertschin	Marsh	Thorpe	Saville	Smith	
18-Tottenham United F.C. Rd 1	30	2,832	Green	Wilder	Wilder	Mower	Gritt	Forbes	Skipper	Kelly	Bertschin	Marsh	Thorpe	Saville	Goodwin	
24-Chester City	11	2,267	Green	Wilder	Mower	Gritt	Forbes	Skipper	Kelly	Rimmer	Bertschin	Marsh	Thorpe	Saville*	Goodwin	
28-SHREWSBURY TOWN Ld	0-1	2,120	Green	Wilder	Wilder	Mower	Gritt	Forbes	Skipper	Kelly*	Rimmer	Bertschin	Thorpe	Thorpe	Taylor+	
DECEMBER																
2-BRISTOL ROVERS	12	4,038	Green	Wilder	Mower	Goodwin	Forbes	Skipper	Kelly	Rimmer	Bertschin	Marsh	Thorpe	Saville	Gritt	
9-ROTHERHAM UNITED F.C. Rd 2	10	4,240	Green	Gritt	Mower	Goodwin	Smith	Forbes	Skipper	Kelly	Rimmer	Bertschin	Thorpe	Saville	Taylor	
16-Bury	20	2,797	Green	Gritt	Mower	Goodwin	Forbes	Skipper	Kelly	Rimmer	Bertschin 2	Marsh	Thorpe	Saville	Taylor	
26-CREWE ALEXANDRA	o.g.	11	5,683	Green	Gritt	Mower	Goodwin	Forbes	Skipper	Kelly+	Rimmer	Bertschin	Hawker	Saville+	Taylor*	
30-CARDIFF CITY	02	4,256	Barber	Gritt	Goodwin	Forbes	Smith	Forbes	Skipper	Marsh*	Rimmer	Bertschin	Thorpe	Saville+	Kelly	
JANUARY 1980																
1-Brentford	04	24	5,259	Barber	Gritt	Dorman	Goodwin	Forbes	Smith	Kelly*	Saville	Bertschin	Hawker	Thorpe	Rimmer*	Taylor*
6-Herford United FA Cup Round 3	12	5,259	Barber	Gritt	Mower	Taylor	Forbes	Skipper	Goodwin	Kelly	Rimmer	Bertschin	Hawker	Littlejohn	Marsh	Saville
9-Aldershot Ld	41	1,214	Barber	Dorman	Gritt	Taylor	Forbes	Skipper	Kelly	Rimmer 2	Bertschin*	Goodwin	Littlejohn	Littlejohn	Saville	Marsh
13-Huddersfield Town	0-1	24	5,856	Barber	Dorman	Gritt	Taylor	Forbes	Skipper	Kelly	Rimmer	Bertschin*	Goodwin	Littlejohn+	Hawker*	Hawker+
21-Leiston Orient	11	24	3,965	Barber	Dorman	Whitehouse	Taylor	Forbes	Skipper	Goodwin	Rimmer	Bertschin	Hawker	Littlejohn	Mower	Thorpe
30-SOUTHEND UNITED 10 Cup ADF	41	2,255	Barber	Dorman	Whitehouse	Whitehouse	Taylor	Forbes	Skipper	Goodwin	Rimmer 3	Bertschin	Hawker	Littlejohn	Thorpe	O'Hara
FEBRUARY																
10-READING	11	24	3,506	Barber	Dorman	Whitehouse	Taylor	Forbes	Skipper	Goodwin	Rimmer	Bertschin	Hawker*	Littlejohn+	Thorpe+	O'Hara*
18-Bristol Rovers	02	24	6,223	Barber	Dorman	Whitehouse	Taylor	Forbes	Skipper	Goodwin	Rimmer	Bertschin*	Kelly	Thorpe	Saville*	Hart
20-Northampton Town	11	24	2,617	Barber	Dorman	Whitehouse	Taylor	Forbes	Skipper	Kelly	Rimmer	Bertschin	Hart*	Littlejohn	Thorpe*	Mower+
24-CHESTER CITY	11	24	3,315	Barber	Dorman	Whitehouse	Hart	Forbes	Skipper	Kelly	Rimmer	Bertschin	Taylor	Littlejohn	Thorpe*	Saville
MARCH																
3-Buckingham	04	24	3,174	Barber	Dorman	Whitehouse	Taylor	Forbes	Skipper	Thorpe	Rimmer 2	Bertschin	Goodwin	Littlejohn*	Hart	Saville*
6-Preston North End	02	24	5,016	Barber	Whitehouse	Mower	Taylor	Forbes	Skipper	Thorpe	Rimmer	Bertschin	Goodwin	Saville	Hart	O'Hara
10-BIRMINGHAM CITY	0-1	24	6,206	Barber	Rees	Mower	Taylor	Forbes	Skipper	Thorpe	Rimmer	Bertschin	Goodwin	O'Hara*	Hart	Hawker*
14-Bristol Rovers 10d ASFAet 23 on pens. 0-0	02	24	4,740	Barber	Rees	Mower	Taylor	Forbes	Skipper	Goodwin	Rimmer	Bertschin*	Hawker	Littlejohn	Hart*	Kelly
17-Notts County	0-2	24	5,207	Barber	Rees	Mower	Taylor	Forbes	Skipper	Goodwin	Rimmer	Bertschin	Hawker	Kelly	Hart	Goldsmith
20-MANSFIELD TOWN	11	24	3,017	Barber	Hart	Mower	Taylor	Forbes	Skipper	Rees*	Rimmer	Bertschin	Hawker	Kelly	Shaw	O'Hara*
24-Shrewsbury Town	02	24	3,224	Barber	Hart	Mower	Taylor	Forbes	Skipper	Ford	Rimmer	Bertschin	Hawker*	Littlejohn+	Bertschin*	Brenner+
27-BLACKPOOL	11	24	3,134	Barber	Hart	Mower	Taylor	Forbes	Skipper	Ford*	Rimmer	Lyne	Hawker+	Littlejohn	Shaw+	Brenner+
31-WIGAN ATHLETIC	12	24	3,182	Barber	Hart	Mower	Taylor	Forbes	Skipper	Ford	Rimmer	Lyne	Hawker*	Littlejohn+	Shaw+	Brenner+
APRIL																
4-Fulham	00	24	2,892	Barber	Dorman	Mower	Taylor	Forbes	Skipper	Ford	Rimmer	Lyne	Brenner	Littlejohn+	Hawker*	Shaw
7-Swansea City	02	24	2,474	Barber	Dorman	Mower	Taylor	Forbes	Skipper	Ford	Rimmer	Lyne+	Brenner	Littlejohn	Hawker*	Shaw+
10-BOLTON WANDERERS																
14-BRENTFORD																

24-Cardiff City K.O.7.45pm.
MAY
 28-TRANMERE ROVERS
 1-ROTHERHAM UNITED
 5-Bristol City

SADDLERS' FACTS

MIDLAND SENIOR LEAGUE

AUGUST	
Tue	22-CHESTERFIELD
Wed	30-Birmingham City
Wed	4-Hullfax Town
Tue	12-PETERBOROUGH UNITED
Mon	18-Northampton Town
Thu	28-Northampton Forest
Tue	3-STOCKPORT COUNTY
Wed	11-Shrewsbury Town
Tue	17-Hartlepool United
Tue	24-Wrexham
Wed	1-WREXHAM
Wed	8-SCARBOROUGH
Mon	13-Peterborough United LC Rd1
Mon	20-Lincoln City
Wed	29-Chester City
Mon	4-Peterborough United LC Rd1
Wed	6-Shrewsbury Town LC Rd2
Fri	15-Stodport County
Thu	21-Chesterfield

21-Chesterfield	5.3	Goldsmith 2; Saville; Smith; Sailer
2-TRANMERE ROVERS	2.1	Taylor; Goldsmith.
9-NORTHAMPTON TOWN	4.2	Goldsmith; Saville; Mulholland; Thorpe.
16-Scarborough	0.2	
16-BIRMINGHAM CITY	5.1	Shaw 2; Saville 2; Kelly.
19-Peterborough United	3.1	Shaw 2; Holcroft.
27-BURY	0.2	

6-NOTTINGHAM FOREST CSE & L	0.3	
13-HARTLEPOOL UNITED	3.0	Hawker; Smith; Shaw.
28-CHESTER CITY	1.1	Goldsmith.
3-LINCOLN CITY	1.0	Shaw.
11-Chesterfield		
17-HALIFAX TOWN		
24-SHREWSBURY TOWN		

1-TRANMERE ROVERS		
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ALL MIDLAND SENIOR LEAGUE HOME MATCHES TO BE PLAYED AT FELLOWS PARK, K.O. 7.00 PM.

BARCLAYS LEAGUE DIVISION 3

Not including last night's game - Tranmere Rovers v Shrewsbury

P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
38	24	7	7	59	30	79
37	21	12	4	55	27	70
Bristol City						
Bristol Rovers						
Tranmere Rovers	38	21	7	10	74	38
Notts County	37	19	9	8	53	36
Bolton Wanderers	37	17	12	8	53	33
Robertson United	37	16	10	13	56	34
Bury	38	16	10	13	53	44
Crewe Alexandra	38	13	16	9	46	37
Huddersfield Town	38	15	10	13	58	37
Shrewsbury Town	38	15	10	14	50	55
Shrewsbury Town	38	12	14	13	50	50
Reading	38	15	5	19	52	47
Wigan Athletic	38	12	13	14	44	48
Leyton Orient	40	13	9	18	44	49
Cherster City	40	11	14	15	35	46
Fulham	39	12	10	17	37	56
Swansea City	39	11	13	15	48	52
Manfield Town	39	13	6	20	41	52
Preston North End	39	11	8	20	53	41
Blackpool	38	9	13	16	42	55
Cardiff City	38	9	13	16	40	57
Northampton Town	37	8	13	16	41	57
Walsall	38	6	12	20	29	56

DIVISION THREE GATES TO DATE

Highst	Lowest	Average
11,432	6,365	10,296
11,277	5,473	7,903
9,718	4,912	7,056
10,528	4,679	6,538
9,135	5,055	6,280
9,995	4,366	5,965
9,883	4,366	5,965
7,251	4,490	5,863
7,721	4,753	5,801
7,862	4,537	5,739
6,089	3,516	4,348
6,147	3,242	4,339
6,867	2,474	4,226
6,572	3,040	4,193
5,737	2,512	4,165
6,038	3,017	4,161
6,390	3,165	4,035
6,372	2,865	3,918
6,416	2,865	3,918
6,368	2,551	3,350
6,384	2,240	3,206
6,650	2,019	2,737
3,156	1,866	

MIDLAND PURITY YOUTH LEAGUE

AUGUST	
Sat	19-WOLVES
Sat	26-West Bromwich Albion
Sat	2-ASTON VELA
Sat	9-Manfield Town
Sat	16-NOTTIS COUNTY
Sat	23-Coventry City
Sat	30-Port Vale
Sat	7-PETERBOROUGH UNITED
Sat	14-SHREWSBURY TOWN
Sat	21-Chesterfield
Sat	28-DEBY COUNTY
Sat	4-Birmingham City
Sat	11-LEICESTER CITY
Sat	18-Nottigham Forest
Sat	25-STONE CITY
Sat	2-BIRMINGHAM L.C.R.I.
Sat	9-Stoke City
Sat	6-Aston Villa
Sat	13-Shrewsbury Town LC Rd2
Sat	20-COVENTRY CITY
Sat	3-PORT VALE
Sat	10-Peterborough United
Sat	17-WEST BROMWICH ALBION
Sat	24-Shrewsbury Town
Sat	3-CHESTERFIELD
Sat	10-Derby County
Sat	17-BIRMINGHAM CITY
Sat	24-Leicester City
Sat	31-NOTTIS FOREST
Sat	7-MANSFIELD TOWN
Sat	14-Wolves
Sat	21-Peterborough United

ALL HOME MATCHES TO BE PLAYED AT ASTON UNIVERSITY RECREATION CENTRE, BIRMINGHAM ROAD, WALSALL.



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